

Lewis Tappan.



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Dear Mr. Phelps,

I wrote to you lately about
Rev. Joel Parker, but having no answer
fear you did not get my letter.

His name is affixed to the
Declaration in your Book. I alluded to it
to his acting in opposition to it both at New
Orleans & at Alto at a meeting of the Tab-
ernacle Chh.

Mr Parker, I understand, says
that you met him in the street & asked him
for his signature, saying that it was merely
a document in favor of free discussion &c
This comes to me second hand, but persons
do say so. The authority of Mr Parker, that
he did not sign the Decⁿ intelligently; that
the reason was an abolitionist &c; therefore
he has not proposed one thing & done another.

I want you to inform me the

facts in the case, as soon as you
conveniently can. If I have misstated
anything I shall so inform Mr Parker &
the Chh.

Yours truly
Lewis Tappan